

## Electronic Supporting Information

### Photoinduced electron transfer in a carbon nanohorn-C<sub>60</sub> conjugate

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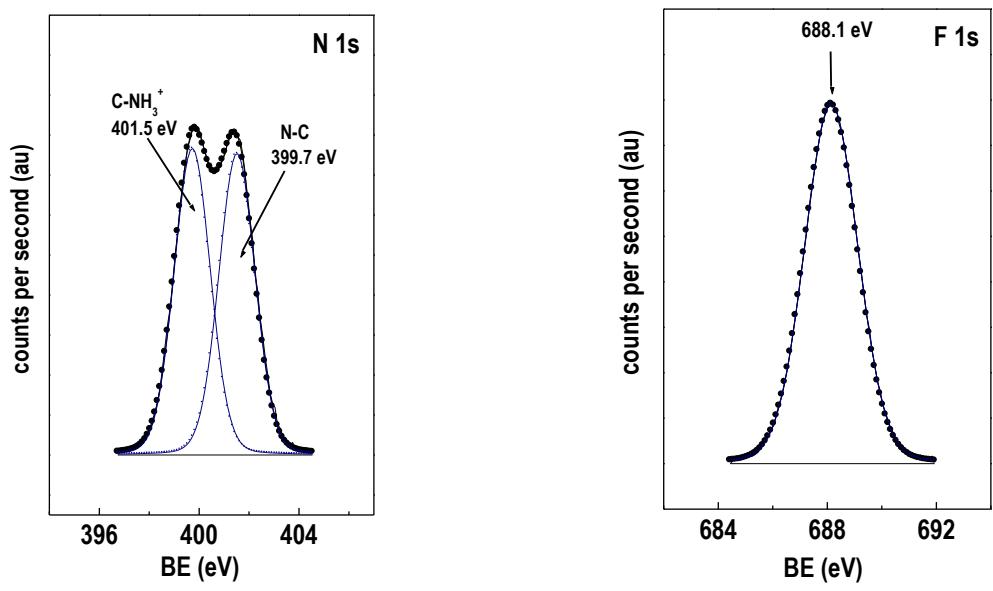
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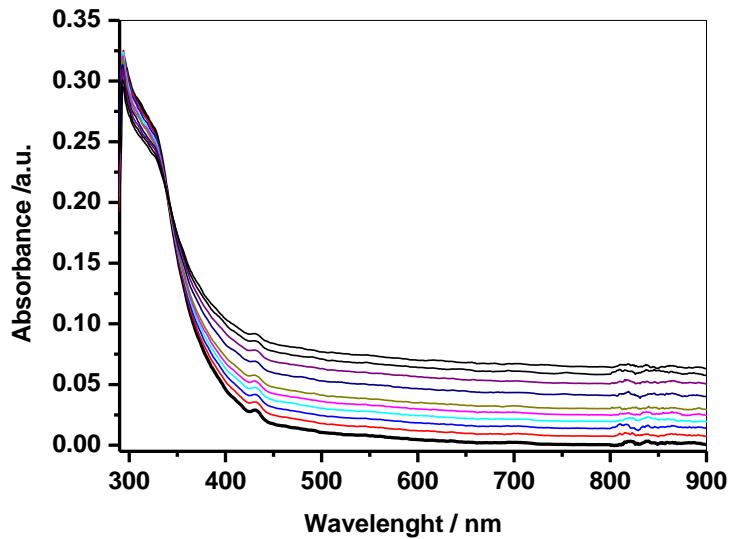
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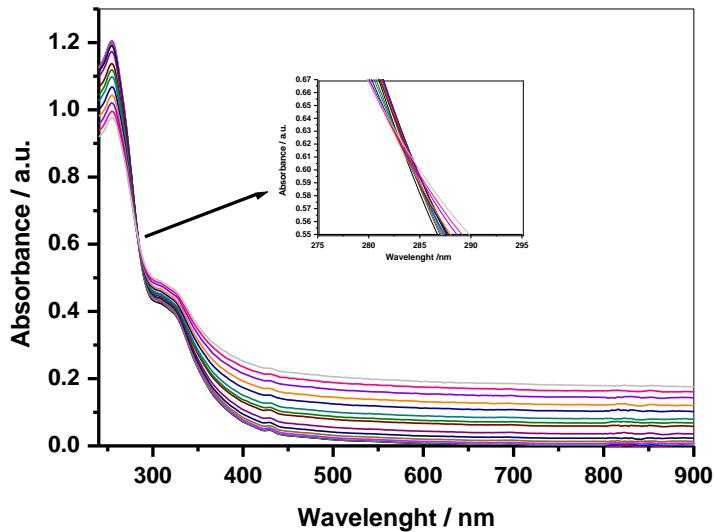
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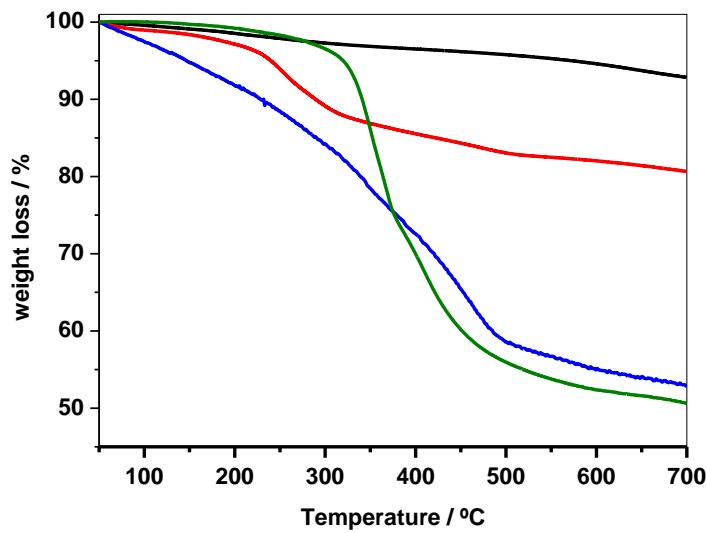
**Fig. S1** N 1s and F 1s core-level spectra of CNH-sp-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>F<sup>-</sup>



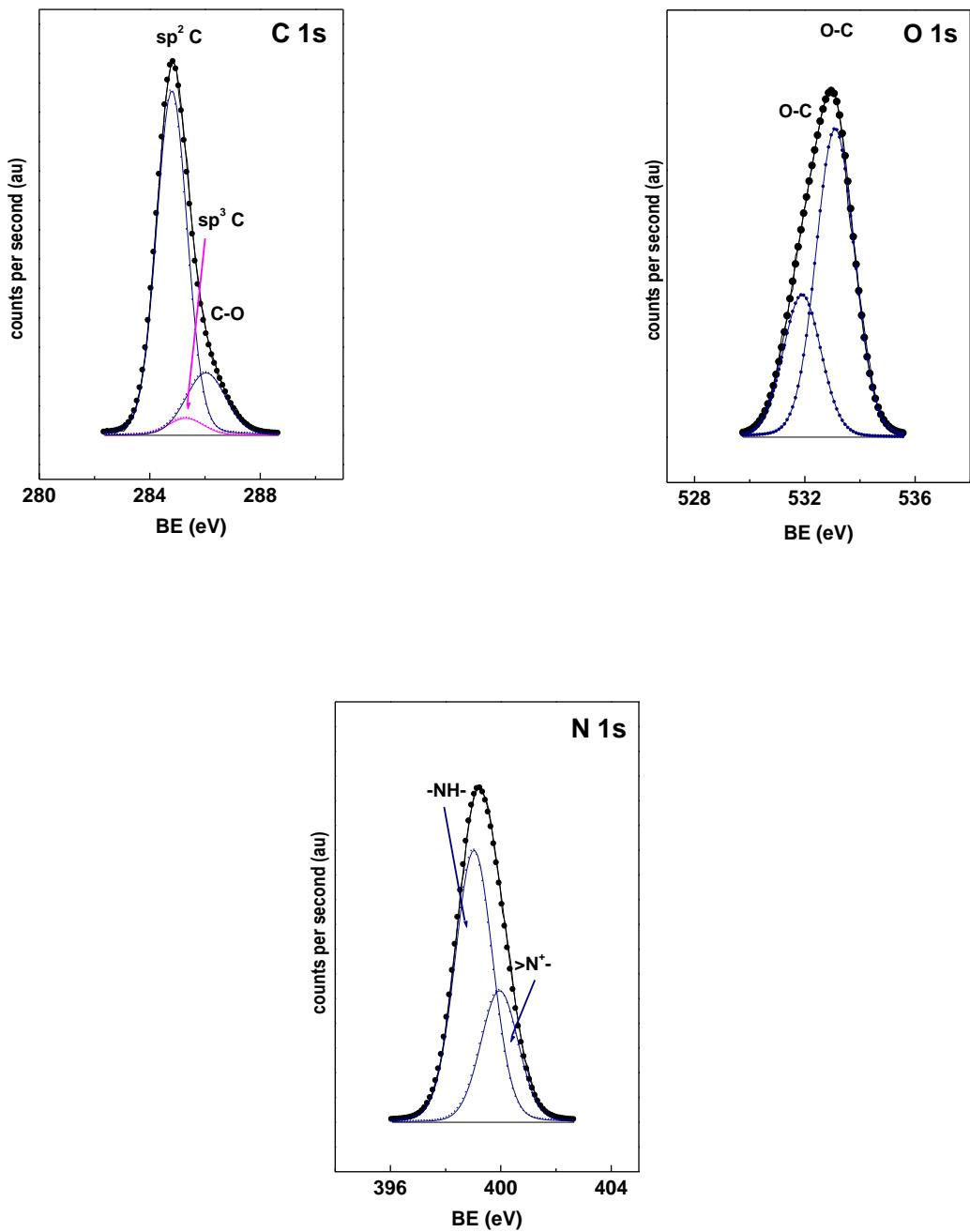
**Fig. S2** Absorption spectral changes of crown-C<sub>60</sub> (black line:  $7.15 \times 10^{-6}$  M in benzonitrile) on addition of increasing amounts of **CNH-sp-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>** (concentration 1 mg/100 mL; from 100  $\mu$ L to 1500  $\mu$ L, in 2mL benzonitrile).



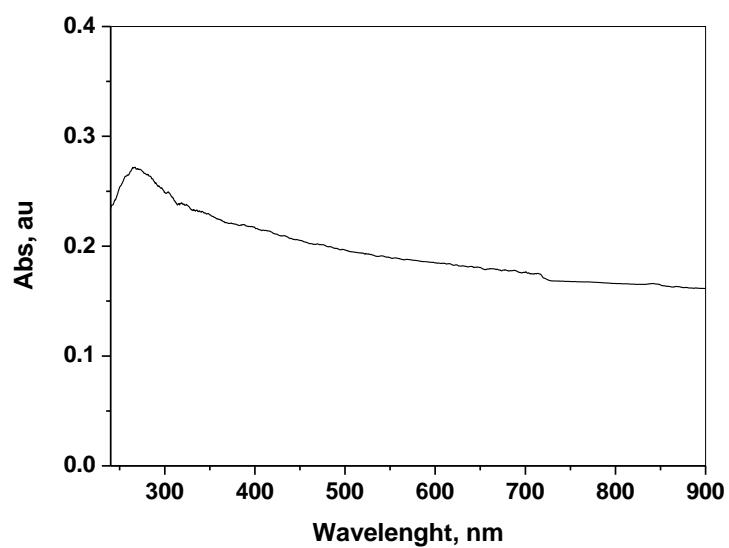
**Fig. S3** Control experimental: Absorption spectral changes of crown-C<sub>60</sub> (black line:  $3.75 \times 10^{-6}$  M in dichloromethane) on addition of increasing amounts of *pristine* **CNH** (concentration 1 mg/100 mL; from 10  $\mu$ L to 1700  $\mu$ L, in 2mL dichloromethane); in the inset, spectra of wavelength expansion.



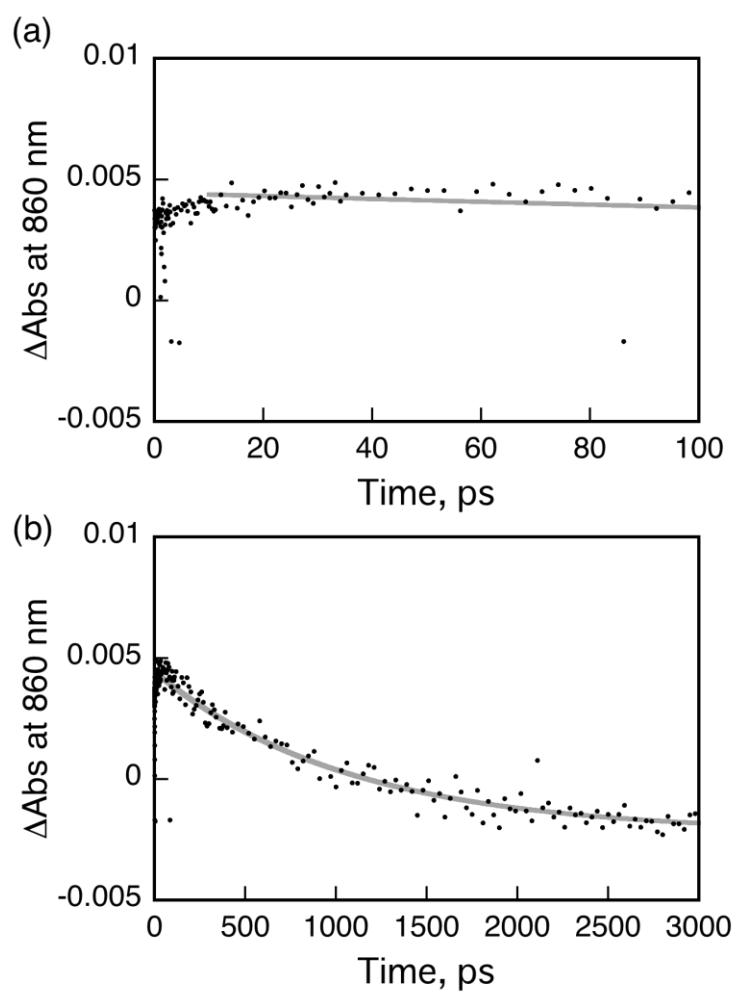
**Fig. S4** Thermographs of **CNH-COOH** (black), **CNH-sp-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>**(red), **[CNH-sp-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>;crown-C<sub>60</sub>]** (blue) and **crown-C<sub>60</sub>** (olive). The temperature interval (200-500 °C) represents the steepest weight loss due to organic decompositions.



**Fig. S5** C 1s, O 1s and N 1s core-level spectra of  $\text{[CNH-sp-NH}_3^+;\text{crown-C}_{60}\text{]}$  nanohybrid.



**Fig. S6** UV-vis-NIR absorption spectrum of CNH-sp-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (0.01 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S7** Time profile of absorbance at 860 nm up to 100 ps for the transient absorption spectra observed upon femtosecond laser excitation at 393 nm of a PhCN solution of CNH-sp-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (0.5 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>) and crown-C<sub>60</sub> (2.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M).

**Table S1.** Binding Energies (eV) of **Crown-C<sub>60</sub>**, **CNH-COOH**, **CNH-sp-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>F-** and **[CNH-sp-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>;crown-C<sub>60</sub>]**. In parentheses are peak percentages.

Sample	BE (eV) C 1s (%)							BE (eV) O 1s (%)		BE (eV) N 1s (%)
	sp <sup>2</sup> C	sp <sup>3</sup> C	C-O	C=O	COO	π-π*	C-N*	O-C	O=C	
crown-C <sub>60</sub>	284.8 (66)	285.3 (4)	286.3 (21)	287.5 (5)	289.2 (4)	-	286.3 (21)**	533.8 (49)	532.5 (51)	399.7
CNH-COOH	284.8 (65)	-	286.2 (18)	287.5 (6)	289.1 (7)	291.3 (4)	-	533.9 (49)	532.5 (51)	
CNH-sp-NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> F <sup>-</sup> *	284.8 (65)	-	286.3 (20)	287.6 (7)	289.3 (7)	-	286.3 (20)**	533.8 (52)	532.4 (48)	401.5 (50) 399.7 (50)
CNH-sp-NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> ;crown-C <sub>60</sub>	284.8 (78)	285.3 (4)	286.3 (18)	-	-	-	286.3 (18)**	533.1 (69)	531.9 (31)	400.0 (32) 399.0 (68)

\* This sample shows an additional F 1s Peak at a BE of 688.1 eV

\*\* As the binding energies of C 1s (C-O) and N 1s (N-C) are similar, BEs and peak percentages are common for the same peak component.

**Table S2.** Surface Atomic Composition of **Crown-C<sub>60</sub>**, **CNH-COOH**, **CNH-sp-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>F<sup>-</sup>** and **[CNH-sp-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>;crown-C<sub>60</sub>]**

sample	C (%at)	O (%at)	N (%at)	F (%at)
crown-C <sub>60</sub>	87.5	11.5	1.0	-
CNH-COOH	91.0	9.0	-	-
CNH-sp-NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> F <sup>-</sup>	88.0	10.75	0.8	0.45
CNH-sp-NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> ;crown-C <sub>60</sub>	94.3	5.0	0.7	-